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**Arizona Corporation Commission** 

1200 W. Washington St.

Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: DOCKET NUMBERS!

and E-00000J-08-0314 and G-00000-C-08-0314

**Dear Commissioners:** 

I am writing to request your support for increased energy efficiency requirements and related programs as part of the APS rate case and the Commission workshops on energy efficiency. Energy efficiency is the cleanest and cheapest among the range of options we must employ to continue to meet our region's diverse and extensive energy needs.

While energy efficiency programs require some front end funding that can result in slightly higher electricity rates, I am willing to pay higher rates to achieve lower energy usage and lower my APS electric bills. Investing in such programs—e.g., weatherization, more energy efficient lighting and appliances, and approaches to mitigate the heat island effect can significantly reduce energy consumption.

I encourage you to require that APS invest in programs to provide rebates and technical assistance to electric utility customers to carry out improvements in energy efficiency, as well as informing them of the importance of such actions for their own budgets and the society at large. Such energy efficiency projects should be facilitated in offices and other buildings (new and existing), as well as homes. Any efficiency approach should include grants for weatherizing low income housing—rental and owner occupied.

Thank you for considering my comments as you plan for the energy needs in Arizona.

Sincerely yours,

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